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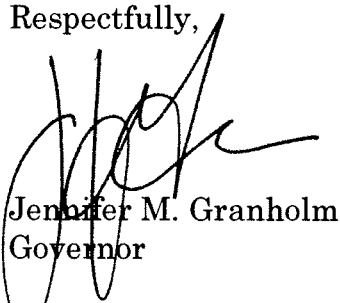
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I have signed Enrolled Senate Bill 1161, which provides \$719.0 million to support the operations of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011.

Section 218 of the bill constitutes an apparent attempt to alter the regulatory authority of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.101 to 324.90106, and other applicable laws in a manner that fails to conform with Const 1963, art 4, § 25. To the extent this section conflicts with the constitutional mandate to reenact and publish altered or amended laws, it is unenforceable. The provision also appears to be outside the scope of the title and object of the bill in a manner that would violate Const 1963, art 4, § 24, and render the provision an invalid condition of appropriations.

I thank the Legislature for its cooperation in finalizing this budget.

Respectfully,



Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

c: Michigan House of Representatives
The Honorable Terri Lynn Land